

# High Holy Day Services at Bet Havarim

## Annual “Food Pantry Collection” Announced

By Mel Shindler

The Sanctuary at St. David’s Church in Dewitt will be the site of Bet Havarim’s High Holy Days’ Services for 5769. Bet Havarim’s Services are open to the community.

Returning for the sixth consecutive year to conduct High Holy Day Services for 2008 will be Rabbi Deborah Waxman. In return to conduct Bet Havarim’s High Holy Day Meltzer said, “since our first 2003 Rabbi Waxman has been teacher”, adding, “we are as to announce Rabbi Waxman’s years ago when we were services of this outstanding conducted our traditional



announcing Rabbi Waxman’s Havarim’s services, Bet Committee Chairwoman, Toni High Holy Days’ Services in our ‘spiritual guide and thrilled and excited to be able return now as we were five fortunately able to secure the Rabbi who, as she has services, has created new,

alternative prayers and meditations that have enabled so many in our congregation and community to experience a greater level of spirituality.”

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Columbia University, Rabbi Waxman has a Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters and received her ordination from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 1999 where she currently serves as Vice President for Governance at the college in Wyncote, PA. Rabbi Waxman has served as spiritual leader of Congregation B’nai Vail in Vail, Colorado and is completing her Doctoral studies in American Jewish History at Temple University, specializing in the emergence of the Reconstructionist movement.

Bet Havarim’s *Erev* Rosh Hashanah service on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> begins at 7:30 PM.

Rosh Hashanah morning services on September 30<sup>th</sup> begin at 9:30 AM and include an interactive *shofar* service. “We will join together as we explore the central Rosh Hashanah themes: *Malkhuyot, Zikhront, and Shofarot,*” said Rabbi Waxman in a recent interview,

continuing, “*Malkhuyot* means, literally, kingships or majesties, an exploration of the vastness of Creation, *Zikhronot*, literally, remembrances, an inquiry into the ways that God ‘remembers’ us, that the Divine is present in our lives, and *Shofarot*, literally Shofars, an examination of what happens when we hear the *Shofar* call and take the wake-up call seriously.”

On Rosh Hashanah afternoon will lead a discussion home of Zarita & Stan Hack, Jamesville. The topic of the Multiplicity of American discussion Rabbi Waxman will *Tashlich* service.



(Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>) Rabbi Waxman beginning at 3:00 PM at the 7482 Pratts Falls Road in discussion will be: “The Jewish Identity. Following the lead Bet Havarim’s annual

Bet Havarim’s *Kol Nidre*

Waxman, starts at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

service, conducted by Rabbi

Yom Kippur morning services on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, begin at 9:30 AM followed by *Memorial Services* at 12:00 Noon. Rabbi Waxman’s message will focus on “Making Ethical Choices in an Age of Relativism.”

Rabbi Waxman will lead a study session on Yom Kippur afternoon in the Social Hall of St.David’s beginning at 5:00 PM. The afternoon’s topic will be “Journey Through the Torah.” Concluding *Shofar* service returns to the Sanctuary, beginning at 6:15 PM followed by a “break-the-fast” reception in the Social Hall hosted by members of Bet Havarim’s High Holy Days Committee.

Bet Havarim’s sixth annual *Yom Kippur Food Collection Drive* will take place on Yom Kippur (Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>) to benefit the food pantry associated with the *Community Links* program of the *Syracuse Jewish Family Service*. “We ask members of the community to open their hearts and bring donated food, toiletry items and household paper goods at this time of difficulty for so many in our Central New York Community,” said Meltzer.

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St. David's Church is located on Jamar Drive in Dewitt. The building is handicapped accessible and off-street parking is available.

For information visit the Bet Havarim website at [www.bethavarimsyr.org](http://www.bethavarimsyr.org), email at [info@bethavarim.org](mailto:info@bethavarim.org) or phone Marty Morganstein at 637-5390 or Mel Shindler at 478-6856.

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